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Dr. Emil HOFFMANN

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1. ID, EUGOM has no record of Dr. Emil HOFFMANN, however, the files contain the following information on a Professor Ulrich NOACK, dated 27 April 1947:

"a. Ulrich N. is a professor of history at the University of Muenzburg and one of the chief sponsors of the Naunheimer Kreis (Naunheim Circle). His full name is Dr. Ulrich Maria Gustav Ferdinand NOACK. He was born 2 June 1890 at Darmstadt and is living presently at Josef-Schneiderstr. 2, Muenzburg. He is five feet ten (10) inches tall, weighs one hundred and forty five (145) pounds and is of slender build. His hair is grayish and balding and his eyes are blue-gray.

"b. Not very much is known of his background. A personality report is in the process of compilation, however, and will be forwarded when completed.

"c. NOACK has lived in Muenzburg since 1946 and is a member of the City Council (Stadtrat) from the CDU. He was in London during February 1947 to address a meeting of the Royal Chamber of Foreign Affairs. He has been described as a 'drawing room intellectual with impeccable manners who at forty fancies himself as a spiritual youth leader.'

"d. Officially he was political advisor to Dr. Karl Goller, former Hesse Minister President who is now rector of Heidelberg University. His assignment is believed to have been that of tutoring Dr. Goller in the complicated course of CDU politics.

"e. A meeting of his Naunheim Circle was recently banned at Aschaffenburg by Military Government because the organization had no license. According to NOACK, the meeting would have served to 'bring about understanding between eastern and western Germany. Numerous reactions from the eastern zone,' he declared, 'showed the sincere desire of various personalities there to organize common talks with the aim of restoring peace and unity to the country. KID circles have warmly supported the proposals of the Naunheim Circle and have described its leader as a clever politician and thinker who has the interests of his country at heart.'

"f. NOACK was Assistant Lecturer in Medieval and Modern History at Frankfurt/Main, 1927. In 1942 appointed reader at Weifswald and he may still hold this appointment. He was known as a strong anti-Nazi before 1933 and in

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the first years of the Nazi regime, when he halted a number of Jewish colleagues at great personal risk. In 1935 he published a study of Lord Acton which has been called a scholarly and courageous work, the latter because its ideas were totally anti-Nazi. He was a member of the Confessional Church.

"g. About 1938, however, great pressure was brought to bear on him and he wavered. In 1939 he published a study on Geopolitics, prefaced by Prof. Karl HAUSHOFER. Prior to the German invasion, NOACK, whose wife was of Norwegian origin, went to Norway in the service of 'Kulturpropaganda.' In 1942 he received a prize from the Deutsche Akademie for a study on Cultural Relations between Germany and the Northern countries."

2. Reference is made to BRLM-3793, dated 17 January 1951, which requests traces on Werner SAUER and Frau NOACK. GLS's reply to reference cable lists subjects as Werner SAUER and Frau NOACK. It is assumed a typographical error was made in GLS's copy of reference cable, however, KLS traced NOACK. (MOHA-8570)

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